

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 2, 3 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Weitmann.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Tsuzuki.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Tsuzuki.

Also, the drawings and the description are objected to and the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In connection with the Examiner's formal objections and rejections, applicant has canceled claim 11, and therefore it is believed that no changes in the drawings, the specification and the claims are needed associated with these formal grounds of the objections and rejections.

Also, claim 7 has been amended to remove the statement that the

disk has a T-shaped cross-section.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claim 9 has been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this, claim 9 has been canceled and its features have been introduced into claim 7. It is respectfully submitted that the thusly amended claim 7 should now be in allowable condition.

The retained dependent claims have been amended to depend on claim 7. Since they share the presumably allowable features of claim 7, it is respectfully submitted that they should be allowed as well.

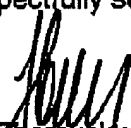
If the Examiner considered it possible to retain the claim related to the non elected species in this application with their dependency on claim 7, applicant will appreciate such a decision. If however in the Examiner's opinion some dependent claims can not be considered as compatible with the allowable claim 7, it is respectfully requested and authorized to cancel such claims by the Examiner's Amendment.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the

specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-243-3818).

Respectfully submitted,



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